1	2	3	4
8	Dharwad	18	6
9	Gadag	4	7
10	Koppal	2	4
11	Gulbarga	11	9
12	Haveri	5	4
13	Raichur	2	8
14	Uttara kannada	6	12
15	Chamarajanagar	4	1
16	Chikmagalur	11	1
17	Chitradurga	6	3
18	Davanagere	7	2
19	Hassan	11	0
20	Kodagu	9	0
21	Kolar	13	2
22	Mandya	5	6
23	Dakshina Kannada	31	5
24	Mysore	23	2
25	Shimoga	16	0
26	Tumkur	17	0
27	Udupi	17	2
	TOTAL:	380	131

Telecom SEZs

3072. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up telecom-specific Special Economic Zones to make India a telecom manufacturing hub;

(b) if so, whether an Export Promotion Council would be set up for export of telecom equipment and US$ 10-11 billion investment in manufacturing sector in the next two-three years;

(c) whether his Ministry has set a target of 500 million phone connections by 2010; and

(d) the steps being taken to complete the target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has granted approval for setting up of 'Export Promotion Forum' under the aegis to Telecom Equipment Manufacturers Association of India (TEMA) to promote export of telecom equipment and services.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Government is taking measures to facilitate all the operators to enhance their penetration. With the passing of the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Bill, 2006, it will be possible to provide USO support of provision of mobile services and broadband connectivity in rural areas. USO subsidy support scheme will be utilized for shared wireless infrastructure in rural areas with about 8000 towers by 2007. Measures are being taken to increase availability of spectrum including the release of substantial quantum from Defence.

Wimax pilot project

3073. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that BSNL is planning to invest Rs. 1.8 crore on Wimax infrastructure in 10 cities/towns;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether BSNL has chosen Guwahati city of North-Eastern cities under WiMax pilot project; and

(c) the details of ten cities to be covered under WiMax technology?